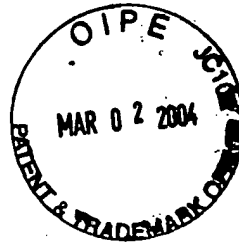


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

A non-final Office Action was mailed in this application on September 29, 2003 setting a shortened three-month period to expire on December 29, 2003. Accompanying this response is a request and fee for a two-month extension of time thereby making a response due by March 1, 2004. Please amend and reconsider this application as follows:

- Amendments To The Specification** - None, as set forth on page 2 to this paper.
- Amendments To The Claims** - Are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments To The Drawings** - None as set forth on page 10 of this paper
- Remarks/Arguments** - Begin on page 11 of this paper